GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3535
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UNEMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment has risen among the job seekers in the age group of 15 to 29 years despite implementation of poverty alleviation programmes in the urban areas of the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the estimated percentage of unemployment found in the persons in the said age group in the urban areas of the country by the end of the year 2001-2002, State-wise; (

(c) whether the Government have ascertained the reasons for the variations in the percentage of unemployment in the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): According to the NSS surveys conducted in 1993-94 and 1999-2000,unemployment among the youth (age group 15-29 years) in urban areas of the country has increased from 15.0% in 1993-94 to 15.4% in 1999-2000 as per Current Daily Status (CDS) Basis.

(b): Unemployment rates for urban areas on Current Daily Status Basis for selectedStates for 1999-2000 are given in the statement attached. Latest available NSS estimates for employment and unemployment relate to 1999-2000 only.

(c) & (d): Variations in the incidence of unemployment across States can be explained by variations in the rate of overall growth in the State economy and its sectoral composition.

(e): Government is encouraging growth of labour intensive sectors such as agriculture & allied activities, Khadi & Village Industries (KVI) and small scaleindustries, through incentives and preferential treatments in terms of allocation of credit, marketing facilities, creation of common infrastructure and support for technological upgradation.

STATEMENT

Statement referred to in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3535 due for answer on 7.8.2002.

Current Daily Status unemployment rate among the youth (15-29 years) in urban areas for 1999-2000 in selected States

States	Unemployment Rate (%)
Andhra Pradesh	14.8
Assam	26.6
Bihar	24.4
Gujarat	8.5
Haryana	8.3
Himachal Pradesh	20.5
Karnataka	10.5
Kerala	34.3
Madhya Pradesh	14.6
Maharashtra	16.5

Orissa	25.5
Punjab	9.5
Rajasthan	8.8
Tamil Nadu	15.6
Uttar Pradesh	12.5
West Bengal	24.0
All India	15.4

Source: National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO).